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COUNTRY Eastern Germany

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TOPIC Military Information from Fuerstenwalde

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1. On 2 July 1952, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Fuerstenwalde (N 55/V 33)-Waldfrieden, quartered 500 to 600 troops most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and, but some wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Unusually intensive training activity was observed on 2 July, and on the preceding days. About 100 soldiers practiced with 6 x 85-mm AA guns and 3 x 37-mm AA guns. About 150 soldiers organized into platoons were seen daily marching from the installation, equipped with rifles, entrenching tools, and light equipment. They wore red-bordered black epaulets and were engaged in training in the terrain.

2. Between 30 June and 2 July, the Pionier Kaserne on Gartenstrasse was occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia and some with black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 60 soldiers were daily seen at close-order drill in groups and 30 soldiers at practice with machine guns which were mounted on the body of sidecar motorcycles. About 30 soldiers were engaged in firing practice with live ammunition from machine guns on T-34/85 tanks Nos 111 and 114 in the training area near the barracks installation. On 2 July, about 15 officers and 30 NCOs fired pistols at practice targets which were 50 meters away on the pistol range.

3. During the period from 30 June to 2 July, the barracks installation on the Braunsdorfer Strasse quartered about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets.

4. During the period from 30 June to 2 July, the barracks installation on the road to Rauen quartered about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. From 15 to 20 trucks were worked on in the garages. There was no vehicular traffic. *

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5. Two large brick buildings surrounded by a high fence and guarded by soldiers were seen about 250 meters north of the Berlin-Fuerstenwalde railroad line, about 500 meters west of the town border of Fuerstenwalde, just east of triangulation point No 142 at the beginning of June. [redacted] the installation was a weapons and ammunition depot. There was no vehicular traffic.

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25X1 [redacted] Comment. There seemed to have been no changes at Fuerstenwalde post as compared with the last report [redacted] of mid-March 1952. [redacted]

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